

House Resolution 40 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY ALONS, ANDERSON, ARNOLD, BAUDLER, COWNIE,
1 3 DE BOEF, DEYOE, DOLECHECK, DRAKE, FORRISTALL,
1 4 GRASSLEY, HAGENOW, HEATON, HELLAND, HORBACH,
1 5 HUSEMAN, KAUFMANN, KOESTER, LUKAN, MAY,
1 6 L. MILLER, S. OLSON, PAULSEN, PETTENGILL, RAECKER,
1 7 RANTS, RAYHONS, ROBERTS, SANDS, SCHULTE, SCHULTZ,
1 8 SODERBERG, SORENSON, STRUYK, SWEENEY, TJEPKES,
1 9 TYMESON, UPMEYER, VAN ENGELHOFEN, WAGNER,
1 10 WATTS, WINDSCHITL, and WORTHAN
1 11 A Resolution urging Iowa's congressional delegation to
1 12 oppose legislation that disenfranchises workers by
1 13 removing their right to a private ballot union
1 14 election.
1 15 WHEREAS, the right to a private, secret ballot when
1 16 voting on external representation is fundamentally
1 17 inherent in our representative republic and shall not
1 18 be infringed upon; and
1 19 WHEREAS, passing the Employee Free Choice Act will
1 20 replace a federally supervised private ballot election
1 21 with a system that facilitates coercion and
1 22 intimidation, known as "card check", whereby employees
1 23 publicly sign cards to vote for unionization; and
1 24 WHEREAS, the American people generally support a
1 25 worker's right to a federally supervised secret ballot
1 26 election when deciding whether or not to join a union;
1 27 and
1 28 WHEREAS, in July 2002, before a United States House
1 29 of Representatives subcommittee, a union employee
1 30 testified that those who would not vote for a union in
2 1 a public "card check" program were threatened with
2 2 termination, deportation, and loss of retirement and
2 3 other health benefits; and
2 4 WHEREAS, the Employee Free Choice Act's mandatory
2 5 binding arbitration provisions deny workers the right
2 6 to participate in the collective bargaining process
2 7 between employees and the union; NOW THEREFORE,
2 8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 9 That the Iowa House of Representatives finds "card
2 10 check" legislation such as the Employee Free Choice
2 11 Act to be detrimental to the rights of workers and an
2 12 offense against democratic principles; and
2 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa House of
2 14 Representatives urges Iowa's elected representatives
2 15 in the United States Congress to support worker
2 16 freedom by opposing the Employee Free Choice Act and
2 17 any of its components in 2009 and in future years; and
2 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 19 Resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's
2 20 congressional delegation.
2 21 LSB 2540HH 83
2 22 ec/rj/l4